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REMARKS

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1. On 22 and 23 January 1951, the barracks installation on Marstallstrasse, Ludwigslust (M 54/T 53), quartered 600 to 700 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery, tank, and motor transport insignia, and black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 22 January, about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen drilling at platoon level in the training area east of the installation, while four groups of 25 to 30 soldiers each did close-order drill in the billeting area and about 30 officers and 150 BM were assembled at one of the barracks buildings. Many officers and BM were seen walking between the barracks installation on Marstallstrasse and the Techentin airfield. Seven driver-school trucks, occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, left the barracks installation.

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2. From 800 to 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia, and black-bordered crimson epaulets were stationed at the Techentin airfield. The ranking officer observed there was a lieutenant colonel.

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From 15 to 18 driver-school trucks, each occupied by five or six student drivers, were seen at the airfield.

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The airfield installations apparently included the four 3-story apartment houses west of Grabower Chaussee, opposite the southwestern corner of the barracks installation on Marstallstrasse. Four officers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen at these apartment houses.

3. On 27 January, sentries at the barracks installation at the Techentin airfield wore red-bordered black epaulets. Five T-43 tanks were seen in front of one garage, in which about 15 other T-43 and one JS tank were standing. A Soviet sergeant told source that he had been in Ludwigslust for about nine months. The three old hangars and the new wooden hangar at the Techentin airfield were apparently used as tank shelters, because the area around the hangars was crisscrossed by tank treads. About 150 soldiers were at fatigue duty beside the

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[REDACTED] Besides artillery and tank components of the 18th Mecz Div, the barracks installation on Marstallstrasse probably quarters elements of the 59th Mecz Regt of the same division. The 59th Mecz Regt was confirmed in Ludwigslust until 10 January 1951. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The 119th Gds Nv Tank SP Regt and the 1054th How Arty Regt of the 18th Mecz Div are believed to be stationed at the Techentin airfield.

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